

Sunday, September 5, 2020
Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Order of Service

Gathering Song..... **“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”** (*Hymnal, #334*)

There’s a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it’s the spirit of the Lord; There are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord. Sweet holy Spirt, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us filling us with your love; and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise; without a doubt we’ll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.

Greeting/Call to Worship..... **Sister Cynthia**

Leader: Sing aloud to God our strength.

People: Shout for joy to the God of Jacob.

Leader: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt.

People: But my people did not listen to my voice, Israel would not submit to me.

Leader: Sing aloud to the Lord our strength.

People: I gave them stubborn hearts, to follow their own counsels.

All: I wish to feed you with the finest of the wheat, and with honey from the rock, I will satisfy you.

Hymn of Praise **“All Hail the Power of Jesus Name”**
(sing along with Alfred Street Baptist Church Men’s Choir)

1 All hail the pow’r of Jesus’ name!
Let angels prostrate fall,
Let angels prostrate fall.
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him, crown Him, crown Him,
crown Him.
And crown Him Lord of all.
And crown Him Lord of all.

2 Ye chosen seed of Israel’s race,
Ye ransomed from the fall,
Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace,
And crown Him, crown Him, crown Him,
crown Him.
And crown Him Lord of all.
And crown Him Lord of all.

3 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall,
We at His feet may fall!
We’ll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him, crown Him, crown Him,
crown Him.
And crown Him Lord of all.
And crown Him Lord of all.

Prayer of Confession and Assurance (*Unison*)

God of mercy, may we spend our lives in your grace. Teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart, as the Psalmist has said (*Psalms 90:12*), yet we confess times and ways in which we have cherished time. Forgive us, O God, for our lack of discernment and reasonable choices. Rekindle in us the vision that harmonizes our lives with your ever-living word. Remind us who and whose we are. In Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Invocation

Song of Meditation — “Deliver Me (This Is My Exodus)” (*song by: Donald Lawrence*)

The Prayer of Illumination (*Unison*)

Draw us close, Holy Spirit, as the scriptures are read and the Word is proclaimed. Let the word of faith be on our lips and in our hearts, and let all other words slip away. May there be one voice we hear today – the voice of truth and grace. **Amen.**

Scripture Reading #1

(*Exodus 12:1–14, Common English Bible*)

First Passover

12 The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, ²“This month will be the first month; it will be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell the whole Israelite community: On the tenth day of this month they must take a lamb for each household, a lamb per house. ⁴If a household is too small for a lamb, it should share one with a neighbor nearby. You should divide the lamb in proportion to the number of people who will be eating it. ⁵Your lamb should be a flawless year-old male. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶You should keep close watch over it until the fourteenth day of this month. At twilight on that day, the whole assembled Israelite community should slaughter their lambs. ⁷They should take some of the blood and smear it on the two doorposts and on the beam over the door of the houses in which they are eating. ⁸That same night they should eat the meat roasted over the fire. They should eat it along with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. ⁹Don’t eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over fire with its head, legs, and internal organs. ¹⁰Don’t let any of it remain until morning, and burn any of it left over in the morning. ¹¹This is how you should eat it. You should be dressed, with your sandals on your feet and your walking stick in your hand. You should eat the meal in a hurry. It is the Passover of the LORD. ¹²I’ll pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I’ll strike down every oldest child in the land of Egypt, both humans and animals. I’ll impose judgments on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD. ¹³The blood will be your sign on the houses where you live. Whenever I see the blood, I’ll pass over you. No plague will destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

¹⁴“This day will be a day of remembering for you. You will observe it as a festival to the LORD. You will observe it in every generation as a regulation for all time.

Scripture Reading #2

(*Romans 13:8–14, Common English Bible*)

⁸Don’t be in debt to anyone, except for the obligation to love each other. Whoever loves another person has fulfilled the Law. ⁹The commandments, *Don’t commit adultery, don’t murder, don’t steal, don’t desire what others have*, and any other commandments, are all summed up in one word: *You must love your neighbor as yourself.* ¹⁰Love doesn’t do anything wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is what fulfills the Law.

The day is near

¹¹ As you do all this, you know what time it is. The hour has already come for you to wake up from your sleep. Now our salvation is nearer than when we first had faith. ¹² The night is almost over, and the day is near. So let's get rid of the actions that belong to the darkness and put on the weapons of light. ¹³ Let's behave appropriately as people who live in the day, not in partying and getting drunk, not in sleeping around and obscene behavior, not in fighting and obsession.

¹⁴ Instead, dress yourself with the Lord Jesus Christ, and don't plan to indulge your selfish desires.

Scripture Reading #3

(Luke 22:14–20, Common English Bible)

The Passover meal

¹⁴ When the time came, Jesus took his place at the table, and the apostles joined him. ¹⁵ He said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. ¹⁶ I tell you, I won't eat it until it is fulfilled in God's kingdom." ¹⁷ After taking a cup and giving thanks, he said, "Take this and share it among yourselves. ¹⁸ I tell you that from now on I won't drink from the fruit of the vine until God's kingdom has come." ¹⁹ After taking the bread and giving thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁰ In the same way, he took the cup after the meal and said, "This cup is the new covenant by my blood, which is poured out for you.

Doxology – "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" (recite in unison)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here be low; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. **Amen.**

The Affirmation of Faith — "The Apostles' Creed" (recite in unison)

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried:
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. **Amen.**

The Gloria Patri – "Glory Be to the Father" (Recite in unison)

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. **Amen.**

Hymn of Preparation — “Victory in Jesus” (sing along with Instrumental)

1 I heard an old, old story,
How a Savior came from glory,
How He gave His life on Calvary
To save a wretch like me;
I heard about His groaning,
Of His precious blood’s atoning,
Then I repented of my sins
And won the victory.

2 I heard about His healing,
Of His cleansing pow’r revealing.
How He made the lame to walk again
And caused the blind to see;
And then I cried, "Dear Jesus,
Come and heal my broken spirit,"
And somehow Jesus came and bro’t
To me the victory.

Chorus

O victory in Jesus,
My Savior, forever.
He sought me and bought me
With His redeeming blood;
He loved me ere I knew Him
And all my love is due Him,
He plunged me to victory,
Beneath the cleansing flood.

3 I heard about a mansion
He has built for me in glory.
And I heard about the streets of gold
Beyond the crystal sea;
About the angels singing,
And the old redemption story,
And some sweet day I’ll sing up there
The song of victory.

“A Time of Rejoicing”

Praise and Prayer Concerns

Selection — “There Is Power in the Blood” — sing along with Instrumental)

1 Would you be free from the burden of sin?
There’s power in the blood, power in the
blood;
Would you o’er evil a victory win?
There’s wonderful power in the blood.

2 Would you be free from your passion and
pride?
There’s power in the blood, power in the
blood;
Come for a cleansing to Calvary’s tide;
There’s wonderful power in the blood.
[Chorus]

Chorus:

There is power, power, wonder-working
power
In the blood of the Lamb.
There is power, power, wonder-working
power
In the precious blood of the Lamb.

4 Would you do service for Jesus your King?
There’s power in the blood, power in the
blood;
Would you live daily His praises to sing?
There’s wonderful power in the blood.
[Chorus]

Holy Communion

Thanksgiving and Communion

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

The pastor takes the bread and cup, and the bread and wine are prepared for the meal.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The musical settings on pages 17-25 may be used if desired.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

You formed us in your image
and breathed into us the breath of life.

When we turned away, and our love failed,
your love remained steadfast.

You delivered us from captivity,
made covenant to be our sovereign God,
and spoke to us through your prophets.

And so,
with your people on earth
and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

Your Spirit anointed him
to preach good news to the poor,
to proclaim release to the captives
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
and to announce that the time had come
when you would save your people.

He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant

by water and the Spirit.
When the Lord Jesus ascended,
he promised to be with us always,
in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.
On the night in which he gave himself up for us,
he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,
gave it to his disciples, and said:
“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.”
When the supper was over, he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
“Drink from this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.”

And so,
in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ’s offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ,
redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other,
and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father,
now and for ever.

Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

BREAKING THE BREAD

The pastor breaks the bread in silence, or while saying:

Because there is one loaf,
we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.
The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

The pastor lifts the cup in silence, or while saying:

The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

The bread and wine are given to the people, with these or other words being exchanged:

The body of Christ, given for you. Amen.
The blood of Christ, given for you. Amen.

The congregation sings hymns while the bread and cup are given.

When all have received, the Lord's table is put in order.

The following prayer is then offered by the pastor or by all:

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

Announcements

Benediction

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Go forth in peace.
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all. **Amen.**



Happy Birthday and Anniversary September Members



Announcements

Pray Daily at Noon

Please remember to pray daily at NOON. Some areas to include in your prayer, can include the pandemic, racial healing, government leaders, educational challenges, and most importantly for our sick and shut-ins and each other.



Wednesdays (7:15 p.m.) — Wednesday Night Experience. Call-in Information: **712-770-4010 (Access code: 331960)**

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HELP YOUR COMMUNITY — Please complete the 2020 Census by September 30, 2020. It's Safe, Easy, and Important!!! if you have misplaced your 2020 Census form, go to **my2020census.gov** for more information.

Sunday, September 27th — Annual Homecoming. Speaker will be **Rev. Dr. Rebecca Iannicelli**, *Annapolis District Superintendent, The United Methodist Church, Baltimore-Washington Conference.* Please don't forget as you are able to make a sacrificial donation for this Sunday.

Sunday, October 18th — 130th Church Anniversary. Speaker will be **Rev. George F. DeFord.** Sacrificial donation of \$1.00 for each year.

130th Anniversary Shirts — Sizes: Small to XL = \$15; 2X = \$17; 3X = \$19. If you are interested in purchasing a shirt, please contact Millicent at the church email.



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Special Prayers / Sick and Shut-In List: If you hear of anyone that is in need of special prayer or is taken to the hospital, please contact: Rev. Eugene Matthews (443.257.2730 (cell), 410.379.0600 (home), reveugene@comcast.net)

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